Mr. P. Sankaran Nambiar *(Director of Public Instruction)*:

(*a*) Yes. (According to the report of the Headmistress).

(*b*) All along from top to bottom on the southern side.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Appeared 7 years ago, but were grouted soon after by the P. W. D. in the course of putting up sun-shades.

(*e*) 12 feet.

(*f*) No; but it was repaired and tiled by Government in 1923. Formerly it belonged to the people.

(*g*) Nearly 45 years.

(*h*) It is not clear which matter; if it be the existence of cracks, the answer is in the affirmative. The building as a whole is being got inspected by the Public Works Department.

(*i*) The answer to (*h*) contains the answer.

Mr. P. Kumaran Euhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: With reference to (*h*) whetheer the Director of Public Instruction has taken notice of the existence of 3 cracks when he had been there, it is stated that it is not clear; if it be the existence of cracks, the answer is in the affirmative. Thus the Director of Public Instruction has taken note to the existence of 3 cracks in the Girls' High School, Kunnamkulam. What is the action subsequently taken by the Director?

Mr. P. Sankaran Nambiyar *(Director of Public Instruction)*: Everything has been done to prevent danger to the school pupils from the cracks. *(Laughter.)*

GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL, KUNNAMKULAM

230. Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the area of the science room of the Girls' High Schol, Kunnamkulam;

(*b*) how many shelves or almirahs are there in that science room;

(*c*) Is not that science room to small and poorly furnished compared to other Girls' High Schools;

(*d*) how many years is it since this Girlis High School has been started?

Mr. P. Sankaran Nambiyar *(Director of Public Instruction)*:

(*a*) 32'×22'=704 sq. feet.

(*b*)

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(*c*) No, some of course are better off, while some are worse. The situation differs from school to school.

(*d*) 25 years (in 1096).

SIRKAR GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL, KUNNAMKULAM

231. Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether there is a compound wall for the Sirkar Girls' High School, Kunnamkulam?

Mr. P. Sankaran Nambiyar *(Director of Public Instruction)*:

(*a*) Yes; in front of the school and behind the latrines

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232. മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എ. രാഘവൻ: താഴെപറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ഗവൺമെണ്ടിൽനിന്നും സദയം മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

(എ) ചെറായിൽ ഒരഞ്ചലാപ്പീസ് സ്ഥാപിച്ചിട്ട ഇപ്പോൾ എത്രനാളായി;

(ബി) അതിന്റെ പ്രവർത്തനം ശരിയായി നടക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ;

(സി) അഞ്ചലാപ്പീസ് ഇരിക്കുന്ന കെട്ടിടത്തിനു വാടക കൊടുക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ;

(ഡി) അഞ്ചലാപ്പീസിന്റെ പ്രവർത്തനം കാര്യക്ഷമമായി നടക്കുന്നുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ വാടക കൊടുക്കുന്നതിൽ താമസം നേരിടുവിക്കുന്നതെന്തിനാണ്?

മിസ്റ്റർ പറമ്പി ലോനപ്പൻ:

(എ) ഒരു കൊല്ലവും അഞ്ചുമാസവും കഴിഞ്ഞു. (ഫ— ൃ— ഫ ഫ ഠ ഠ-ലാണ് ഇറക്കുന്നത്).

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(ബി) ഉണ്ട്.

(സി) ഇല്ല.

(ഡി) അഞ്ചലാപ്പീസ് ഇപ്പോൾ അതിന്റെ പരിക്ഷാത്മഘട്ടത്തിലാണ്. അതു സ്ഥിരപ്പെടുത്തുന്നതുവരെ ആപ്പീസിനു വേണ്ട കെട്ടിടം വാടകകൂടാതെ തരാമെന്നുള്ള കച്ചിട്ടാരുടെ ഉടമ്പടിയിന്മേലാണ് അതു തുറന്നിരിക്കുന്നതു്. ആപ്പീസിന്റെ പ്രവർത്തനം തൃപ്തികരമാകയും, അതിനെ നിലനിർത്തണമെന്നു ബോദ്ധ്യപ്പെടുകയും ചെയ്താൽ അതിനെ സ്ഥിരപ്പെടുത്തുന്നതും അന്നുമുതൽ വാടക കൊടുക്കുന്നതുമാണ്.

WEEKLY HOLIDAYS—FACTORIES

233. Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they are aware that a Weekly Holidays Act has been passed by Government of India in 1942;

(*b*) whether a similar Act has been passed in Cochin;

(*c*) whether they are aware that amendments have been brought in British India reducing the working hours in Factories to 8 a day;

(*d*) whether any similar legislation has been enacted in Cochin for an 8 hour day?

Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon *(Minister for Development):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) No. But steps are being taken to enact a similar legislation here.

PUBLICITY DIRECTOR

234. Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the amount and nature of the Publicity work done by the Publicity Director since the creation of that post;

(*b*) how many meetings has he addressed and on what subjects;

(*c*) how many pamphlets has he issued and on what subjects.

(*d*) how many press statements has he issued and on what subjects;

(*e*) how many field visits has he made and for what purposes?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Chief Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Giving publicity of the activities of the various departments of the Government and educating the public to raise the standard of their life. These are done through Press; platform and visual education. Recruitment to the armed forces is still going on and in the State the Director of Publicity is charged with this function of helping the Recruting Officers. The Director is the Secretary of the Cochin State Military Benevolent Fund Trust and in addition to the routine work connected with this trust, collections have also to be made. Demobilised soldiers are being received by him and he has and is collecting funds for the entertainment of such men. Also the savings campaign is entirely under his charge.

(*b*) There was no occasion for the Director to address meetings in person. The Field work is generally conducted by the staff of the Publicity van.

(*c*) Monthly Magazines both in English and Malayalam are published under the auspices of the Publicity Department with the help of the Information Officer. 4 issues of the "Cochin Information" (English) and 6 issues of "Gosri" (Malayalam) have already come out.

The following are the articles sent out from the Publicity Department for publication in the above two Magazines.—

English

1 Livestock improvement scheme for Cochin State

2 Grow More Food Campaign

3 General Survey of the History of Mathematics and Astronomy in Kerala form 1400—1750

4 Vegetable Farm—Nelliampathies

5 Diwan's Speech in the last meeting of the Central War Committee

6 Paddy cultivation in Post-War Era

7 National Savings Campaign

8 Cotton and Tobacco cultivation in Post-War Era,

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